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To amend provisions of law enacted by the Government Performance and Results Act of 1993 to improve Federal agency strategic plans and performance reports.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BURTON of Indiana (for himself, Mr. ARMEY, Mr. HORN, and Mr. SESSIONS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Government Perform-
5 ance and Results Act Technical Amendments of 1997”.

6 **SEC. 2. AMENDMENTS RELATING TO STRATEGIC PLANS.**

7 (a) CONTENT OF STRATEGIC PLANS.—Section
8 306(a) of title 5, United States Code, is amended—

1 (1) in paragraph (1), by inserting before the
2 semicolon “, that is explicitly linked to the statutory
3 authorities”;

4 (2) in paragraph (2), by inserting before the
5 semicolon “, that are explicitly linked to the statu-
6 tory authorities of the agency”; and

7 (3) by striking “and” at the end of paragraph
8 (5), by striking the period at the end of paragraph
9 (6) and inserting a semicolon, and by adding at the
10 end the following new paragraphs:

11 “(7) a specific identification of any agency
12 functions and programs that are similar to those of
13 more than one component of the agency or those of
14 other agencies, and an explanation of coordination
15 and other efforts the agency has undertaken within
16 the agency or with other agencies to ensure that
17 such similar functions and programs are subject to
18 complementary goals, strategies, and performance
19 measures;

20 “(8) a description of any major management
21 problems (including but not limited to programs and
22 activities at high risk for waste, abuse, or mis-
23 management) affecting the agency that have been
24 documented by the inspector general of the agency
25 (or a comparable official, if the agency has no in-

1 spector general), the General Accounting Office, and
2 others, and specific goals, strategies, and perform-
3 ance measures to resolve those problems; and

4 “(9) an assessment by the head of the agency,
5 together with a separate assessment by the agency’s
6 inspector general of the agency (or a comparable of-
7 ficial, if the agency has no inspector general), of the
8 adequacy and reliability of the data sources and in-
9 formation and accounting systems of the agency to
10 support its strategic plans under this section and
11 performance plans and reports under sections 1115
12 and 1116 (respectively) of title 31, and, to the ex-
13 tent that material data or system inadequacies exist,
14 an explanation of how the agency will resolve
15 them.”.

16 (b) RESUBMISSION OF AGENCY STRATEGIC PLANS.—
17 Section 306 of title 5, United States Code, is amended—

18 (1) in subsection (b), by striking “submitted,”
19 and all that follows through the end of the sub-
20 section and inserting the following: “submitted. The
21 strategic plan shall be updated, revised, and resub-
22 mitted to the Director of the Office of Management
23 and Budget and the Congress by not later than Sep-
24 tember 30 of 1998 and of every third year there-
25 after.”; and

1 (2) in subsection (d), by inserting “and updat-
2 ing” after “developing”, and by adding at the end
3 thereof: “The agency head shall provide promptly to
4 any committee or subcommittee of the Congress any
5 draft versions of a plan or other information perti-
6 nent to a plan that the committee or subcommittee
7 requests.”.

8 (c) **FORMAT FOR STRATEGIC PLANS.**—Section 306 of
9 title 5, United States Code, is amended by redesignating
10 subsection (f) as subsection (g), and by inserting after
11 subsection (e) the following new subsection:

12 “(f)(1) The strategic plan shall be a single document
13 that covers the agency as a whole and addresses each of
14 the elements required by this section on an agencywide
15 basis. The head of an agency shall format the strategic
16 plans of the agency in a manner that clearly demonstrates
17 the linkages among the elements of the plan.

18 “(2)(A) The head of each executive department shall
19 submit with the departmentwide strategic plan a separate
20 component strategic plan for each of the major mission-
21 related components of the department. Such a component
22 strategic plan shall address each of the elements required
23 by this section.

24 “(B) The head of an agency that is not an executive
25 department shall submit separate component plans in ac-

1 cordance with subparagraph (A) to the extent that doing
2 so would, in the judgment of the head of the agency, mate-
3 rially enhance the usefulness of the strategic plan of the
4 agency.”.

5 **SEC. 3. AMENDMENTS RELATING TO PERFORMANCE RE-**
6 **PORTS.**

7 (a) INSPECTOR GENERAL AUDITS OF PERFORMANCE
8 REPORTS.—Section 1116(b) of title 31, United States
9 Code, is amended by adding at the end the following new
10 paragraph:

11 “(3) The inspector general of the agency (or a com-
12 parable official, if the agency has no inspector general)
13 shall audit each program performance report under this
14 section, and shall report to the Congress on the results
15 of each such audit no later than 45 days after submission
16 of the performance report.”.

17 (b) GOVERNMENTWIDE PROGRAM PERFORMANCE
18 REPORTS.—Section 1116 of title 31, United States Code,
19 is amended—

20 (1) by redesignating subsection (f) as sub-
21 section (g); and

22 (2) by inserting after subsection (e) the follow-
23 ing new subsection:

24 “(f)(1) No later than March 31, 2000, and no later
25 than March 31 of each year thereafter, the Director of

1 the Office of Management and Budget shall prepare and
2 submit to the Congress an integrated Federal Government
3 performance report for the previous fiscal year.

4 “(2) In addition to such other content as the Director
5 determines to be appropriate, each report shall include ac-
6 tual results and accomplishments under the Federal Gov-
7 ernment performance plan required by section
8 1105(a)(29) of this title for the fiscal year covered by the
9 report.”.

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